

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism and courage while fulfilling their duties as state employees; and

Whereas, Debbie Bonderer is a Probation and Parole Officer II at the Mercer County Courthouse; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, PO II Debbie Bonderer will receive a Missouri Department of Corrections Director's Award of Valor for heroic services performed on November 4, 2003; and

Whereas, while in her office in the Mercer County Courthouse, PO II Bonderer noticed a man enter the Sheriff's office and say something about keys; and

Whereas, PO II Bonderer also saw the Public Defender look visibly frightened and heard the Dispatcher say, "Drop the gun"; and

Whereas, PO II Bonderer immediately responded by calling the Trenton Police Department to advise officers that there was a man with a gun in the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, and then she drew her own weapon and entered the Sheriff's Office to find that the sheriff had been disarmed, handcuffed, and chained by the individual who had then entered the office, threatened the two personnel he had discovered there, inextricably left the office without causing harm, taken another hostage, and headed for Iowa; and

Whereas, PO II Bonderer acted in a heroic and courageous manner by drawing her weapon, leaving the safety of her own office, and going into an office where she thought an armed criminal was present; and

Whereas, PO II Carter was initially hired by the Missouri Department of Corrections as a Corrections Officer I in October 1992 and became a Probation and Parole Officer I in September 1994:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute PO II Debbie Bonderer and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest commendation of her unselfish actions on November 4, 2003, which had the potential to save the lives of county officers; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Probation and Parole Officer II Debbie Bonderer of Chillicothe, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative John Quinn
District No. 7

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker